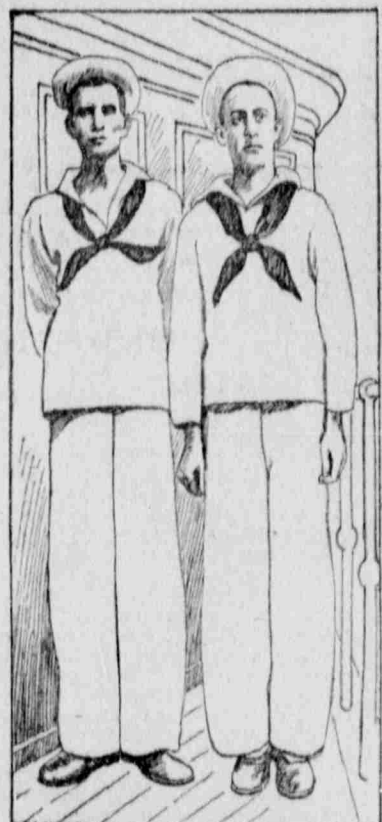


SHIPMATES PERRY MCCOY
AND ANSE HATFIELD.

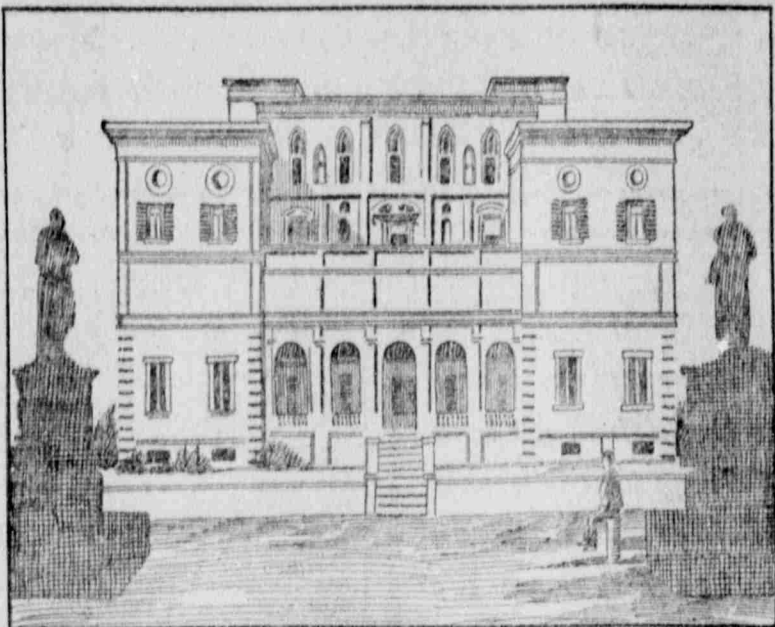
Politics makes strange bedfellows, the saying is, but it has made none stranger than have the regulations of our navy, which brought together two such erstwhile mortal foes as young Perry McCoy and Anse Hatfield, belonging to those famous families of mountaineers who have held a blood feud for many



years. Many lives have been taken by both sides, and the respective families have been greatly decimated since the original quarrel started over a razor-back hog. But now, temporarily at least, a son of each family is serving as a sailor on board ship at the League Island navy yard. What is stranger still, the two are on terms of friendship, though neither will promise to be on his good behavior for life, for the feud that has lasted twenty years has never been healed, and no one knows when it may break out again.

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THE FAMOUS BORGHESI PALACE FOR SALE.



The straits to which some of the Italian nobility are reduced may be inferred from the fact that last November one of them—Prince Borghese—offered to donate to the nation his beautiful palace and its famous collection of paintings, provided he might be allowed to sell Titian's painting of "Sacred and Profane Love," for which he had been offered \$1,000,000. The government refused the desired permission, and now it is reported that the palace and its contents, including the great collection gathered by an ancestor of the prince, have been offered at an upset price of \$800,000.

A WOMAN "CABBY."

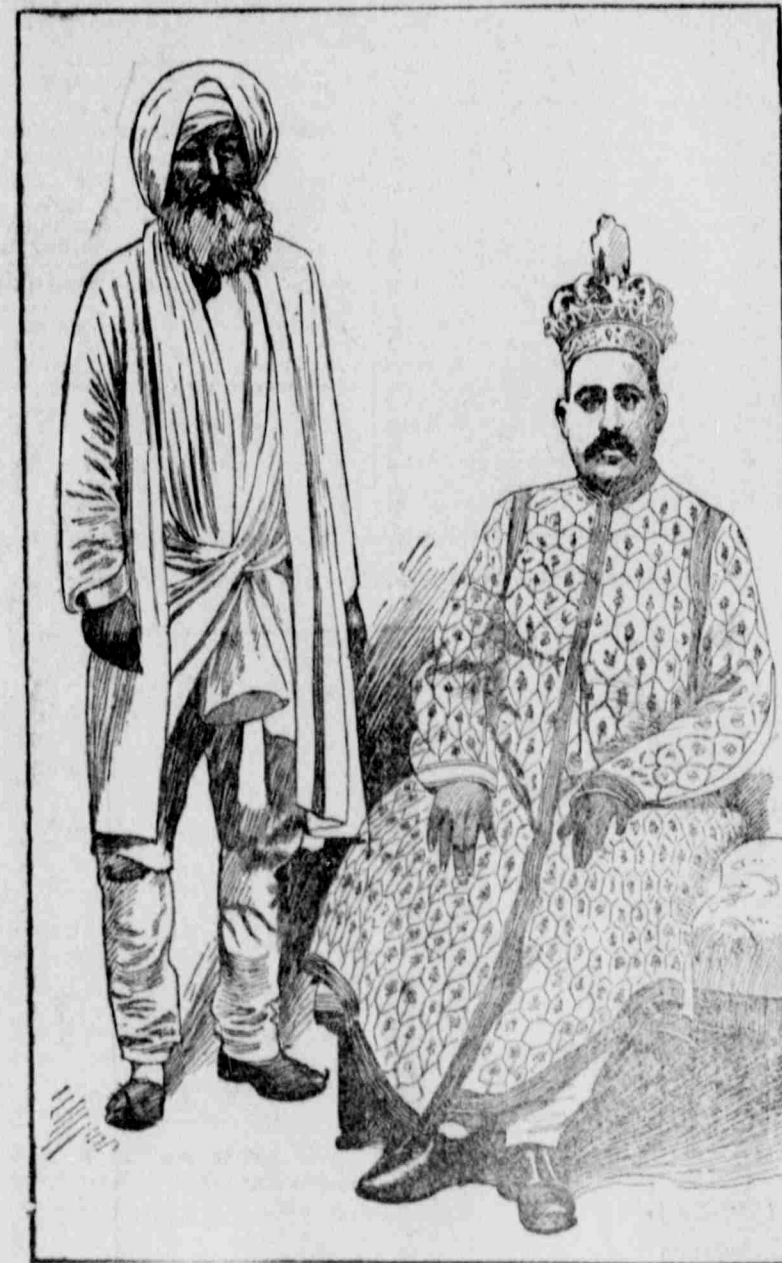
In the New Zealand town of Nelson a woman has been asserting her rights in quite a new direction. A woman recently secured a cab and horse and entered into competition with the Jehus of the town, who at once took alarm and protested that she had no license. This difficulty was quickly overcome, and the feminine "cabby" entered the lists on equal terms in that respect. Now, with her smart turnout, she is securing all the fares she can find time to drive.

HOW AN OX IS ROASTED WHOLE.



It has long been recognized that cooking is an art, a great chef oftentimes commanding a larger salary than the commander of an army. It requires one peculiarly adept to superintend such an operation as is depicted in the illustration—the roasting of an ox entire—and he is in great request at barbecues, where such a roast is a feature of the entertainment. One such was in charge of a political barbecue that came off a short time ago in New York, where two oxen were served up in great style. The roasting began one afternoon, the spit being turned repeatedly by relays of men, and was not finished until noon of the following day. Then the ox was cut up and distributed, the barbecue being pronounced a great success.

TWO IMPORTANT MAHARAJAS NOW RETURNING TO INDIA.



When the maharajah of Jaipur chartered the Anchor line steamer Olympia for a voyage, giving out that he was to be accompanied only by friends of his own selection, it was at first rumored that he intended to visit the United States, but now it appears that he has abandoned that intention, as he is on the way home to India via the Mediterranean and the Suez canal. He is one of the wealthiest and most important of the Indian rajahs, below him in influence being the two whose portraits are herewith presented and who accompany him on the voyage—Sir Bala Khem Singh, bedi of Kullar, K. C. I. E., on the left in the group, and the Rajah Pertab Bahadur Singh of Pertabgarh, whose portrait is on the right.

SHORT TALKS ON MANY TOPICS.

Ellen Beach Yaw, the noted American singer, recently sang before the shah of Persia in Paris.

Spain has increased by only 2,000,000 inhabitants in the last forty-five years. Coal is widely distributed in India, but many of the coalfields have not been fully explored.

In Germany only 413 out of 1,000 males

reach the age of fifty years, while more than 500 out of 1,000 females reach that age.

Mr. Stulp, son of a sort living in Mawrewka, Smolensk, Russia, is asserted to be 127 years old. He smokes, drinks and works.

The Detroit river is the outlet of the greatest bodies of fresh water in the

world, aggregating 82,000 square miles of lake surface.

Henry P. Gordon, who died in London recently, had a moustache for trousers. At the time of his death he owned 699 pairs.

South Africa is of volcanic origin, and the land in the vicinity of Kimberley is so sulphurous that even ants cannot exist upon it.

Taking the United States as a whole,

the census shows that one person in every forty has a telephone. San Francisco leads the world in the generality of telephone use; there one in twelve has a telephone.

The growth and prosperity of Minnesota are well indicated by the number of new banks organized this year.

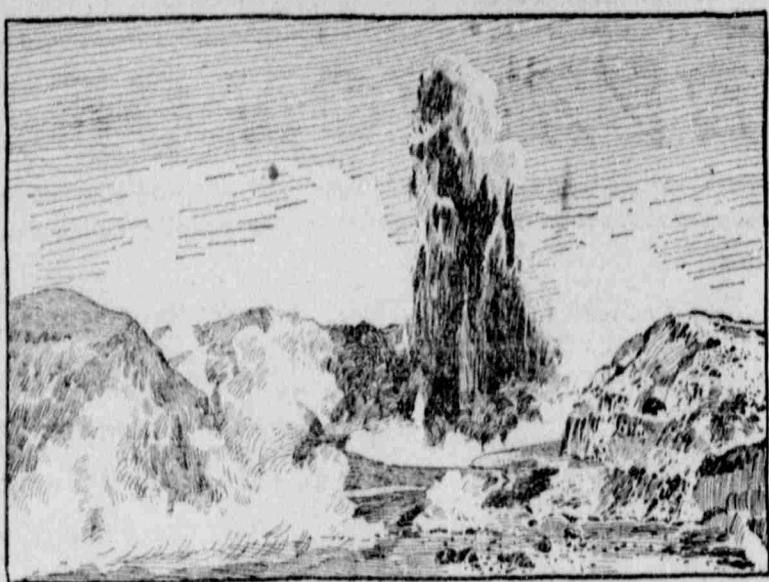
Many steamship explosions are due to water hammer action. A plug of water only six inches long propelled only two

feet under a pressure of fifteen pounds can exert a pressure of 6,400 pounds on being suddenly stopped.

The latest agricultural "labor saver" is an automatic safety gun for bird scaring. The new machine scares at times as fixed by the farmer, it fires safely and takes loud detonating cartridges. It is said to be effective against crows.

Paints of a poisonous nature, such as

WORLD'S GREATEST GEYSER DURING A RECENT ERUPTION.



The largest geyser in the world is situated in New Zealand and is figured in this illustration. The natives call it Waimangu. It throws up a column of brackish water about 300 feet in circumference to a height of from 800 to 900 feet. The photograph from which this illustration was made was taken during an eruption this year soon after the geyser had resumed its discharges after a long period of rest. The New Zealand hot lake and geyser region is much larger than that of Iceland, but it has not so many hot springs as our own Yellowstone park, which, geologically speaking, is thought to be of more recent formation.

THE NEW SULTAN OF THE
ZANZIBAR PROTECTORATE.

Here is a portrait of Ali Bin Hamud, who through the death of his father recently succeeded to the nominal sultanate of the Zanzibar protectorate. He is an amiable young colored man, and it is hoped that he will not have much difficulty as his father had in establish-



ing his claim when in August, 1898, he only succeeded by the aid of British guns. At that time a member of the reigning family, Said Khalid, seized the palace and held it until ousted after a bombardment of half an hour by the British warships in the harbor, when he fled to the German consulate, and Hamud Bin Muhammed was seated as sultan. Ali Bin Hamud was educated in England, and until he is twenty-one (he is now seventeen) will be under a British regency.

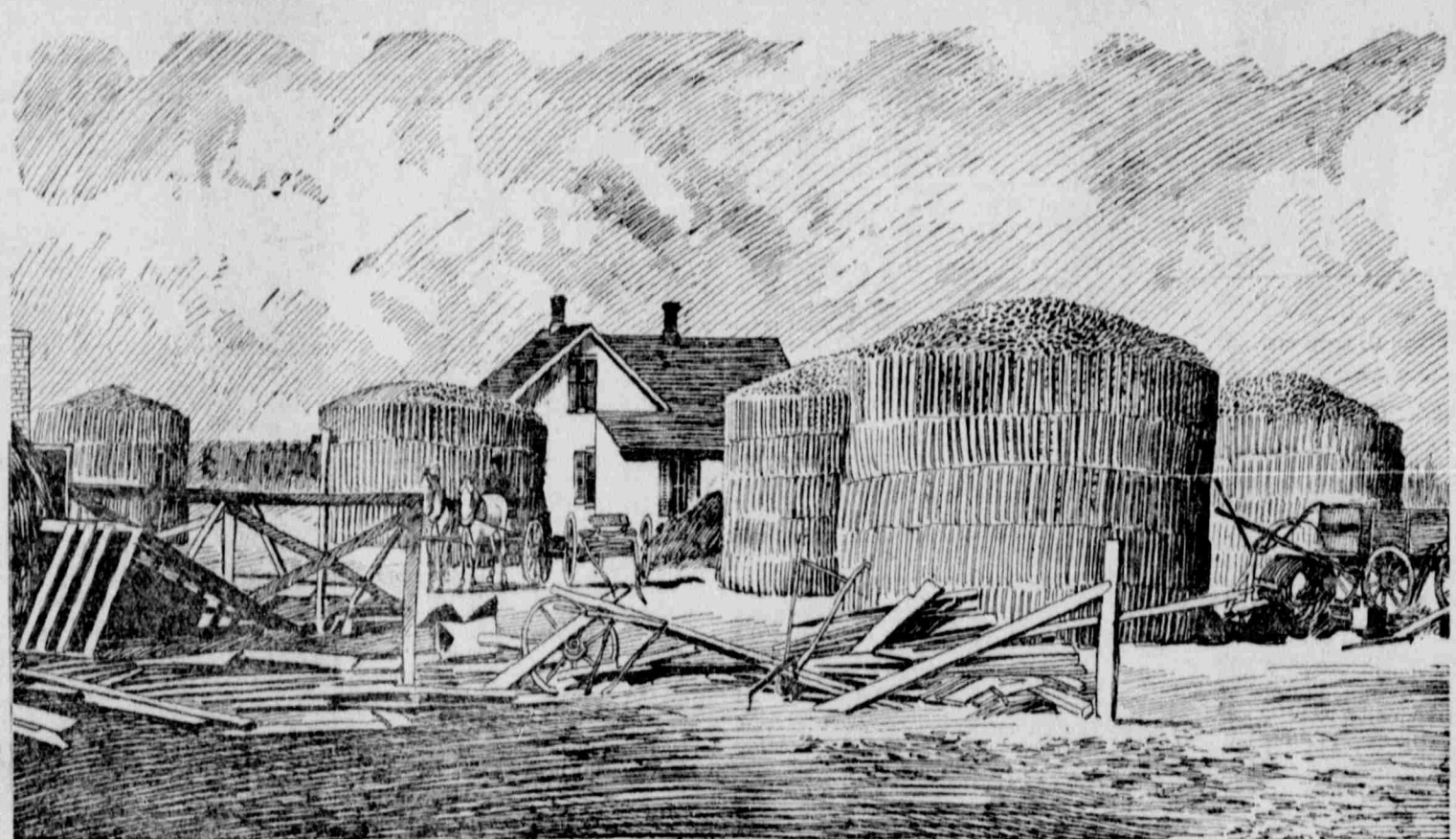
A WARLIKE AFRICAN TRIBE.
The warlike Kamasia tribe of Uganda are among the most interesting of African natives, and their characteristics have been described in an entertaining manner in the recent work of an English explorer and author. The Kamasias inhabit the hills to the west of Lake Baringo and are really a branch of the powerful Nandi people, who dwell between their territory and the famous Lake Victoria Nyanza.

The Kamasias have an extraordinary custom of enlarging a hole pierced through the lobe of the ear until the



lobe becomes a mere loose flap of skin reaching to the shoulder. Sometimes they thrust through this loop miniature wooden milk pails; at other times it is hung with little iron chains. They were formerly hostile to the British, who frequently sent exploring parties through their country, but of late have become friendly to the whites.

THE GREATEST CORN CROP IN THE WORLD'S HISTORY



MAMMOTH CORNCRIBS FILLED TO OVERFLOWING.

The statisticians tell us corn is king, and the public is inclined to let the statement pass unchallenged. While this year's crop of cereals in the United States is estimated at 4,000,000,000 bushels, more than half the grand total is furnished by corn, the yield of which is placed at 2,500,000,000 bushels. What this means the uninitiated can hardly understand, but the farmers know its full significance, for it means to them a decrease of mortgages and an increase of luxuries. The size of farm dwellings will increase to more nearly keep pace with the growth of the corncribs, which are already of vast proportions and, large as they are, wholly inadequate to meet the demands of this season's crop.

If the farmers are able to handle the immense crop of corn this year, it will be owing to the fact that they have kept pace with the times in the improvement of agricultural machinery and of facilities for the storage of the cereal. But a billion bushels in excess of last year's yield and an addition of 100,000,000 acres to the general area under cultivation bespeak for them the admiration of the world. America produces about four-fifths the world's yearly average of corn, and the magnitude of the product is best shown by the statement that an increase of a cent a bushel in the price means a profit to the producer or holder of at least \$20,000,000.

Indian corn, or maize, is purely an American product. It was found here by the early explorers and taken by them to Europe and Africa. Neither Europe nor Africa yet fully realizes the value of this precious cereal, and the climatic conditions in neither country are so favorable for its growth as in America. A few years ago our agricultural department undertook to make the people of the old world better acquainted with corn in its various economic preparations, with a view to a wider market for it than this country affords, but the indications now are that, notwithstanding the enormous amount in prospective this year, the United States can more than absorb it all, owing mainly to the feeding on a vast scale of cattle and hogs now going on in the corn belt country. Five or six pounds of corn, it is said, make a pound of flesh, and it is more profitably exported in that shape than as raw material.

Of the states raising the bulk of the 2,500,000,000 bushels this year, Iowa, as usual, bears the banner, with an estimate of 309,000,000 bushels; Kansas and Nebraska are credited with 300,000,000 each, Missouri with 290,000,000, Illinois 280,000,000, Indiana 170,000,000, Ohio 95,000,000 and several other states with from 30,000,000 to 50,000,000 each.

Corn has almost as many uses as the palm, which are enumerated at above a hundred, and it is more widely known and of infinitely greater service to mankind. It is winning its way all around the world, but the best market for it is still in the United States.

ETHEL M. SMYTH, OPERA COM-
POSER.

The lady whose portrait appears in the accompanying illustration is the composer of an opera which was recently performed in London and took the great audience of Covent Garden theater by storm. She has studied un-



der celebrated German professors and twelve years ago produced a serenade for strings and an overture entitled "Antony and Cleopatra." Her first opera, on Wagnerian lines, was produced in 1893, but was inferior to her last one, "Der Wald," to which reference has been made.

LITTLE BRITISH PRINCES MOUNTED ON BICYCLES.



The children of the Prince of Wales are objects of intense solicitude on the part of the British public and are watched with attention wherever they go, every movement and detail of their lives being carefully chronicled. It is no matter of wonder, then, that the recent conquest of the bicycle achieved by the two elder princes—Edward, aged eight, and Albert, aged seven next December—should be hailed as an event in the kingdom over which their royal grandsire rules. "The little princes in sailor suits," according to the British Journals recently, "cycled over from Frognore to the Windsor and Eton regattas with a vigor which surprised the onlookers."

TWO HANDED SWORD EXERCISE ON A JAPANESE BATTLESHIP.



The land of the mikado is famous for its jugglers, for its wrestlers and for its swordsmen. The sword, in fact, has played a most prominent part in the settlement of disputes in Japan, in politics and in diplomacy. The illustration shows a two handed sword contest on board a Japanese battleship arranged by special orders of the admiral or the rear admiral, who had cinematograph pictures taken of the performance for presentation to his friends.

white lead or arsenical green, are no longer to be used in the French navy.

A Kentucky young woman was dangling her hand in the water of a small stream recently when a three pound bass, attracted by the sparkling stone on her finger, grabbed finger and diamond. The woman landed the fish without difficulty.

Four per cent of \$1,000,000 is the sum Charles M. Schwab, the steel king, is to

pay annually for an unfurnished apartment of seventeen rooms on the sixteenth floor of the Ansonia, Broadway and Seventy-second street, New York, with private elevator service. Only a few years ago this would have been a startling rental for any one to pay.

Prince Dhuleep Singh holds the record for grouse shooting. Some time ago he brought down 200 brace in one day.